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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following applications/patents which may be related to the present application:

US 6,440,877 (serial no. 09/604,555; Yamazaki et al.)
US 2002/0197394 (serial no. 10/219,277; Yamazaki et al.)
US 2003/0196597 (serial no. 10/420,383; Yamazaki et al.)

Each of these patents/published applications was listed in the IDS and 1449 form filed on November 8, 2005 in the present application.

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